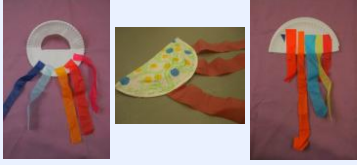


Storytime Crafts



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Welcome!

- Freelance educator, storyteller and musician
- Past youth consultant for CTLS (Connecting Texas Libraries Statewide)
- Available for library performances and workshops
- Crafter: ceramics, mosaics, papermaking, watercolor, metal sculpture, fused glass, encaustics...



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Agenda



- Why, what and how of arts and crafts in storytime
- Craft ideas
- Organizing and storing crafts
- Challenges and questions

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Benefits of Art and Crafts

- Develops fine motor skills
- Provides an opportunity to create
- Boosts confidence
- Improves focus
- Can be soothing and relaxing



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Benefits of Art and Crafts



- Library keepsake
- Allows visiting time for the parents

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It is engaging and fun!



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Basic Supplies

- Paper
- Paper plates
- Tissue paper
- Straws
- Popsicle sticks
- Chenille sticks
- Cotton balls
- Crayons, scissors, glue, and tape



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Choosing Crafts



- Inexpensive
- Age appropriate
- Group considerations
- Facilities

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**It's all about the process
not the product.**



**"Every child is an artist.
The problem is how to
remain an artist once
we grow up"**

Pablo Picasso

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Implementing Crafts



- Passive programming
- Do after storytime

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Implementing Crafts

- Individual work stations



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Implementing Crafts- Kits



Jennie Tobler-Gaston - Camp Lejeune Base Library, North Carolina

<https://www.pinterest.com/jennielarnee/crafts-kids/>

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Implementing Crafts- Kits



- Youth volunteers prepare and assemble
- Label with sponsor information

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Implementing Crafts

- Floor or table



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Creative Challenge



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Die Cut Crafts



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Torn Paper Crafts



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Zebra Stripes



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Paper Shapes



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Paper Pizza



Filippa Genovese
Romeo District Library, Michigan

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Sensory Collage



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Paper Plate Bear



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Nature Bracelet



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Tickle Stick



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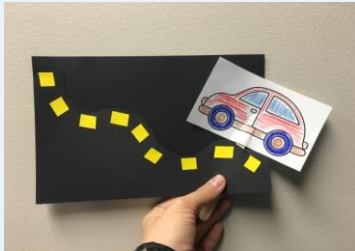
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Car and Road

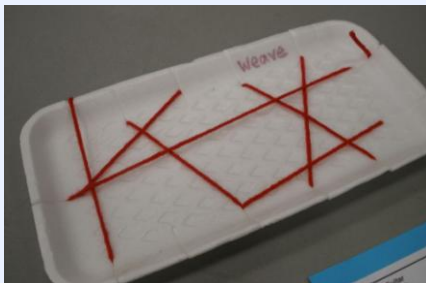


Bailey Jo Simpson
Seguin Public Library, Texas

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Spider Weaving

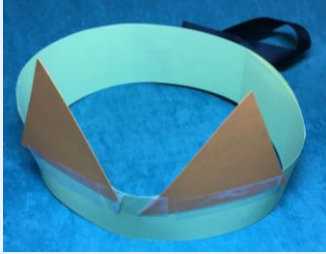


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Wearable Crafts

Animal Headbands



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Wearable Crafts

Silly Paper Hats



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Wearable Crafts

Open Face Masks

- Bear
- Rabbit
- Santa
- Lion

<https://www.danyabanya.com/lion-mask-craft/>



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Wearable Crafts

Alligator Tails



Ann Miner - Austin Public Library, Texas
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Edible Crafts

Teeth

- Apple slices
- Nut butter
- Marshmallows



Bridgette Broom
Lamar County Library System, Mississippi
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Art - Drawing



"The urge to draw must be quite deep within us, because children love to do it"

David Hockney

"The honeybee is going to sting the monster really hard so he will go in a deep sleep."

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Foil Animals or Sculptures



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Art Bleeding Tissue Paper

- Tissue paper
- Sprayed water



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Art Puppets or Creatures



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Art

Cork Prints



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Art

Cotton Ball and Fork Painting



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Craft Project Storage



Elizabeth Murphy, Austin Public Library - Texas

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Craft Storage



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Tips and Challenges

What do you do when a parent takes over?

What about showing samples?

Let children know it is OK to make whatever they want.

What to do when a child says "I can't do that. Will you do that for me?"

Words of encouragement based on effort not judgment.

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Questions?

I would LOVE to
come to your library!
For performances
and workshops
please refer to my
flyer.



Thank You!

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